



Indiana Trial Courts

Indiana has about 400 superior, circuit, town, city, and small claims courts. There are approximately 550 judges and magistrates and 5,100 court employees statewide. Most recent data (2011) shows more than 1.6 million new cases were filed in Indiana trial courts.

Civil and Criminal Cases Statewide

- 1,300 jury trials
- 14,000 cases where an interpreter was used
- 150,000 adults and juveniles under probation supervision
- 30,000 mortgage foreclosure filings (31% decrease from 2007)
- 11,000 Child In Need of Services, or CHINS cases

Judges and Clerks

- Trial court judges are elected to a 6-year term (except in St. Joseph, Allen, Lake, and Vanderburgh Counties)
- Clerks are independently elected, but must maintain courts records according to Supreme Court rules

Funding

- Cities, towns, townships, counties and the state spent nearly \$393 million to operate the courts
- Filing fees, court costs, user fees and fines generated about \$212 million in revenue

Division of State Court Administration

- Collects workload and financial data on trial court operations
- Assists trial courts with administration and technology improvements
- Provides grants
- Administers payroll

Indiana Judicial Center

- Develops educational sessions for judges, probation officers and court personnel
- Conducts legal research for judges and probation officers
- Supports nearly 30 committees that set policy for the Judicial Conference
- Certifies court alcohol and drug programs and problem-solving courts